

Coeur d' Alene Tribe
2011 Cherry Creek TSI Contract
Advertisement & Instructions to Bidders

INTRODUCTION

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe is requesting sealed bids for timber stand improvement (TSI) treatments on five (5) blocks in the Cherry Creek Management Unit. One (or more) contract(s) will be awarded only for bids that are less than maximum acceptable bids and within budgetary limitations. The lowest bidder(s) will not automatically be granted each contract, but bid rate will be one factor considered, along with capability and expected production rate, availability and previous performance. Indian Preference will apply in accordance with the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO). **Bidders claiming Indian Preference must submit verification of TERO Indian Preference certification to be considered for Indian Preference.** Contractors who have not worked for the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Forestry program in the last three years must submit a short statement of qualifications and references. If there are discrepancies between this advertisement and the contract, the contract is final and binding.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Services to be performed include:

1. Thinning: cutting saplings and tall brush rooted within 4 feet of preferred crop trees.
2. Pruning: removal of lower limbs from the bole of preferred crop trees. Pruning height is the lesser of ½ of total height or 10 feet for white pine, and 6 feet for other preferred species. In some cases, this will require pruning a few whorls from white pine that were previously pruned to 6 feet pruning height in roadside fuel breaks within treatment units.
3. Limb and lop any slash that is 2 inches or more in diameter into segments less than 4 feet long and scatter slash at least 3 feet from crop trees so that slash lies within 2 feet of the ground. Slash may be piled in some areas, rather than scattered, at contractor's option. Slash shall not be scattered along roads in areas previously cleared or masticated.

The attached maps, Exhibits A-1 and A-2 show location of the project area, roads and treatment units. The following table shows sample data by treatment units, where available:

Map Exhibit	Unit	Acres	WP to Prune	Other Spp. to Prune	Trees/Ac. to Cut
A-1	C-B	8.0	140/ac.	300/ac.	1040/ac.
A-1	C-C	5.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
A-2	C-D	21.2	205/ac.	230/ac.	1600/ac.
A-2	C-E	14.4	190/ac.	245/ac.	810/ac.
A-2	C-F	9.1	160/ac.	250/ac.	1200/ac.
Total		58.4			

Data is not available where designated by N/A, and the sample data provided is estimated and not guaranteed. Prospective bidders are encouraged to examine each unit to make their bidding decision.

SCHEDULE

Bids will be accepted on the **attached bid forms** only, at the **Coeur d'Alene Tribal Forestry Office** until **11:00 a.m. local time on August 10, 2011**. Work may begin when the contract is approved and cultural awareness training has been provided. The Contract expiration date is **November 30, 2011**. **Failure to complete this**

project on time or in a satisfactory manner may result in disqualification from further project work of this nature for the Tribe.

PAYMENT

Bidders shall submit bids based on rates per acre and total bid price for each unit. The bid prices should include all mobilization, payroll, fuel, supplies and demobilization expenses. The contractor is responsible for all costs of operation, including but not limited to labor, maintenance, fuel, repairs, traffic control, and any subcontracted services. The Tribe shall not provide any additional funds beyond the bid price. Payment will be for work performed that has been successfully completed and inspected by the Contract Representative (CR). Partial payments may be requested not more often than once every two weeks, for distinct blocks within treatment units that Contractor completes and the CR accepts.

BOND

Bid deposits are not required, but the successful bidder must submit a performance bond equal to 5% of the total bid price before the contract is approved. Each bond shall be refunded upon satisfactory completion of the contract, or applied to the cost of hiring a replacement contractor if the contractor defaults.

INSURANCE

Proof of insurance is required for general liability (\$1 million minimum), and Worker's Compensation for all employees and subcontractors on the project. Insurance should name the Coeur d'Alene Tribe as a certificate holder.

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ORDINANCE (TERO)

Each bidder must have a Coeur d'Alene Tribal Business License for conducting business on the Reservation, which costs \$100.00. A copy of the approved Business License must accompany the bid proposal.

Contractor is required to complete a TERO Plan and have it approved before initiating work. Contractor is responsible for filing payroll reports and following all TERO requirements in hiring and conduct of the work. Contact Jim Nilson about TERO related questions at (208) 686-6107.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Before the contract is approved, the following are required:

1. Contractor shall complete and submit an IRS Form W-9 for 2011.
2. Contractor shall complete and submit a Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions.
3. The Tribe shall confirm that the Contractor is not on the Excluded Parties List System.

Within 3 days of starting work, the Contractor and his crew shall participate in a 1 hour cultural resource awareness training session provided free of charge by the Cultural Resources Management staff.

LIABILITY

The Contractor shall not hold the Forestry Program, the Natural Resources Department, or the Coeur d'Alene Tribe liable for any accident(s) or injury incurred because of said Contract. Nothing herein shall be read to waive the sovereign immunity of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Bidders are strongly encouraged to review the sample contract and conduct a field inspection of the area prior to bidding. The Tribal website at <http://www.cdatribe-nsn.gov/natural/Forestry/Forestdevelop.aspx> includes a downloadable copy of the sample contract and an access map. The "Prospectus" on the website is a copy of this advertisement and bid form. If any corrections are required after mailing, it will be labeled as "corrected" in the comment on the website. Additional information and a field tour of the project area can be arranged by contacting Norris Boothe at office phone: (208) 686-1704 or by email: njboothe@cdatribe-nsn.gov.

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Bid Proposal

Bidders may enter bids for any or all units according to their availability and capability. For example, bids can be entered for C-B & C-C only to bid only on the North Block. The contracts will be awarded to one or more bidders based on the total cost to the Tribe and ability to perform the work by November 30, while providing consideration for Indian preference. Budgetary limitations and upper end limits may preclude the awarding of one or more contract.

Contractor: _____

Representative: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

TREATMENT UNIT	AREA	BID RATE PER ACRE	TOTAL BID PRICE
C-B	8.0 acres	/acre	
C-C	5.7 acres	/acre	
C-D	21.2 acres	/acre	
C-E	14.4 acres	/acre	
C-F	9.1 acres	/acre	
TOTALS	58.4 acres	N/A	

Crew Size: _____ Equipment: _____

Planned Production Rate: _____ acres per week

I hereby submit the above bid(s) for the 2011 Cherry Creek TSI Project. I understand that if I am the successful bidder, I will be an Independent Contractor and that myself, my employees, my subcontractors and my agents are not eligible to receive any of the rights or benefits otherwise available to Coeur d'Alene Tribal employees.

Authorized Signature Title Date

RETURN BID FORM AND A SIGNED COPY OF THE BUSINESS LICENSE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE OR BY FAX BY AUGUST 10, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. Bidders must also submit their TERO Indian Preference certification to be considered for Indian Preference bidding. Please allow an extra day of mailing time if submitting by mail!

Mark and deliver the sealed envelope to:

Coeur d'Alene Tribal Forestry at Agency Road
For 2011 Cherry Creek TSI Project
Attn: Carrie Horlacher or Jyl Gardipe
850 A Street, PO Box 408
Plummer, ID 83851
Fax: 208-686-1855 (Faxed bids will be sealed and dated upon receipt.)

Note: The Coeur d' Alene Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids.